

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawings include changes to FIGS. 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16. The sheets containing FIGS. 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 replaces the original sheets including FIGS. 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16. In FIGS. 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 grammatical errors have been corrected.

For the convenience of the Examiner, annotated sheets showing the changes made are attached. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 36, with the following paragraph:

When the search engine is activated, a keyword input stand-by screen is displayed as shown in FIG. 2A in step S10. If the user ~~wish~~wishes to search for a homepage on weather forecast, for instance, the user inputs the words "weather forecast" as a search keyword in step S11, and the search process is then carried out in step S12. As a result of the search process, a plurality of titles of homepages starting from "weather across the country" is displayed as shown in FIG. 2B.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 5, lines 36-37, with the following paragraph:

With this search support device, a user uses a search engine to search for a homepage containing desired information among homepages written in the HTML format accumulated on-the-WWW ~~servers~~servers on the Internet. Here, the user inputs search information associated with the desired information into the search engine, thereby detecting the homepage containing the search information.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 37, with the following paragraph:

Further, to achieve the first object, the present invention provides a search support method in which an address indicating the location of information accessible on a network ~~is registered~~. This method includes the steps of: determining a category of an address designated for registration based on an address that has already been registered; and registering an address in the determined category.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 14, lines 13-19, with the following

paragraph:

Referring now to FIGS. 6 and 7, the definition entry and the menu will be described. FIG. 6 shows the structure of ~~an example~~examples of the definition ~~entry~~entries, and FIG. 7 shows the structure of an example of the menu. The definition ~~entry~~entries include ~~a~~ top menu definition entry, sub menu items, additional menu items, ~~a~~ registered definition entry, and ~~a~~ search definition entry, as shown in FIG. 6. The definition entry ~~defines~~define necessary information for producing a menu represented by a hierarchical structure having registered items classified into categories, as shown in FIG. 7.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 29, with the following paragraph:

For instance, the top menu definition entry includes a menu display item (title) 20, the presence or absence of a sub menu/the menu number of the sub menu 21, the presence or absence of a registered item/the menu number of the registered item 22, an additional selection flag/an additional menu ~~code~~code 23, and a search keyword character string and search conditions 24.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 34, with the following paragraph:

Next, a definition entry of a registered item is defined when the information of a homepage ~~is~~ searched for by a search engine through a process. The definition entry of the registered item defines a page title 28, a URL address 29, and an introduction 30 for the page.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 24, with the following paragraph:

The arithmetic operation unit 8 determines whether or not a command for designating an item constituting the menu has been inputted through the input unit 2 in step S23. If it is determined that a command for designating an item constituting the menu ~~has been inputted~~ ("YES" in step S23), the search character string and the search conditions of the designated item are read out from the definition entry 18, and recorded as a search character string in the memory unit 7 in step S24. The menu display items 20 and 25 designated in step (S23) are recorded as selected items in the memory unit 7 in step S25.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 31, with the following paragraph:

Next, it is determined that whether or not a sub menu is defined under the selected item in step S44. If a sub menu is defined the operation moves on to step S22, and the sub menu shown in FIG. 8B is displayed.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 13, with the following paragraph:

The arithmetic operation unit 8 then determines whether or not a command for designating an item that constitutes the additional menu has been inputted in step S28. If it is determined that the command for designating an item that constitutes the additional menu has been inputted ("YES" in step S28), the search character string and the search conditions 27 of the designated item are read out from the definition entry 18, and recorded as a search character string in the memory unit 7 in step S29. Also, the menu display item 26 designated in step S28 is recorded as a selected item in the memory unit 7 in step S30.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 22, with the following paragraph:

Next, the search character strings stored in the memory unit 7 in steps S24 and S29 are jointedjoined to generate a search character string to be inputted in the search engine in step S31. Referring now to FIG. 9, a method of generating a command to be inputted in the search engine from a search character string will be described.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 19, lines 6 and 8, with the following paragraph:

The arithmetic operation unit 8 determines whether or not a command that designates an item constituting the search result menu has been inputted through the input unit 2 in step S34. If it is determined that the command that designates an item constituting the search result menu has been inputted ("YES" in step S34), the information on the designated item, such as its name sandand contents, is recorded as the selected item in the memory unit 7 in step S35.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 35, with the following paragraph:

If no sub menu is defined, the arithmetic operation unit 8 determines, in step S54, whether or not a registered item is contained in the item designated in step S52. If there is a

registered item in the designated item, the arithmetic operation unit 8 displays a registration menu shown in FIG. 11C on the display unit 3. As shown in FIG. 11B, an item that has a registered item is marked with a larger dot, while items that do not have a registered item are marked with smaller dots, so that whether a registered item exists on a level under each item can be easily determined.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 24, with the following paragraph:

The arithmetic operation unit 8 records a selection record selected by a user handling the category menu shown in FIG. 14A in the memory unit 7 in step S72. If there is a sub menu, the operation returns to step S71, and the menu shown in FIG. 14B is displayed. If there is no sub menu page and the additional selection flag is set to "ON", the additional menu is displayed on the display unit 3 through steps S26 and S27. When a command for designating an item constituting the additional menu is inputted, the search character string of the item selected in step S28 is joined to the transmission command for the search engine recorded in the memory unit 7 in step S73.